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Chrysemys picta (Schneider). "Skilpot." Common.

Terrapene carolina (Linnæus). "Dry land terrapin." Common.

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NEW COLOR VARIATION OF STORERIA OCCIPITOMACULATA

During the first week in August, 1914, I collected a small black-colored snake near Cammal, Pa. It attracted my attention, as I was not familiar with the coloration that was presented. Examination revealed a peculiar phase of the red-bellied snake, of which I was unable to find a description in any of the standard works upon reptiles. Through the courtesy of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, I was permitted to examine the varieties of red-bellied snakes in their collection. In looking over the specimens I found one that simulated mine. This reptile was collected at Johnsonburg, Elk County, Pa., by Cope. He described it as being a very dark brown, with the dorsal band obscure, and the under surfaces black. The throat and chin were whitish, and the black darkest in a row of spots on each side of a dozen anterior gastrosteges. The reptile I found measured 24 cm., was distinctly black on the dorsal and ventral surfaces, the throat and chin white, sprinkled with small black spots; the stripes on the sides could only be detected by having the light strike the reptile in a certain manner. When the two reptiles were placed side by side, Cope's specimen was lighter in color, both on the dorsal and ventral surfaces; the stripes on Cope's specimen could readily be seen as compared with the reptile under discussion.

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